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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-57

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR Gas" or the "Company") hereby files with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") an original and three (3) copies of its Initial Brief in the above-referenced proceeding. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

John K. Habib

Enclosures

cc: Julie Howley Westwater, Hearing Officer  
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